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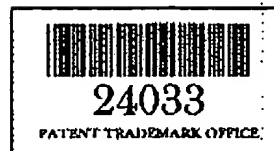
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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND DATA
STRUCTURES FOR USING METADATA
IN UPDATING DATA IN A STORAGE
DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the non-final office action dated July 12, 2004 ("Third Office Action"), which was submitted in response to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Examiner allowed claims 2-5, 7-14, 17-20, 22-29, 32-35, 37-41, 44, and 45; found that claims 6, 21, 36, 46, and 48 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form; rejected claim 47 as indefinite (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2); and rejected claims 1, 15, 16, 30, 31, 42, 43, and 47 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants amended certain claims, including claim 47 to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1-48 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17.